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## Amendments to the Claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), this listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## 1. (Cancelled)

- 2. (Withdrawn) A method for elevating the plasma level of HDL cholesterol in a human subject in need thereof comprising periodically orally administering to the human subject 3,3,14,14-tetramethylhexadecane-1,16-dioic acid in a range from about 30 mg per day to about 800 mg per day.
- 3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein the plasma level of HDL cholesterol is elevated by at least 5% as compared to the level prior to treatment and/or above at least 30 mg/DL.
- 4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3 further comprising maintaining the plasma level of HDL cholesterol at least 5% above the level prior to the treatment and/or above at least 30 mg/DL.
- 5. (Withdrawn) A method for decreasing the plasma level of LDL cholesterol in a human subject in need thereof comprising periodically orally administering to the human subject 3,3,14,14-tetramethylhexadecane-1,16-dioic acid in a range from about 30 mg per day to about 800 mg per day.
- 6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5 wherein the plasma level of LDL cholesterol is decreased by at least 10% as compared to the level prior to treatment and/or below at least 190 mg/DL.

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- 7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6 further comprising maintaining the plasma level of LDL cholesterol at least 10% below the level prior to treatment and/or below at least 190 mg/DL.
- 8. (Withdrawn) A method for decreasing the plasma level of triglycerides in a human subject in need thereof comprising periodically orally administering to a human subject 3,3,14,14-tetramethylhexadecane-1,16-dioic acid in a range from about 30 mg per day to about 800 mg per day.
- 9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein the plasma level of triglycerides is decreased by at least 10% as compared to the level prior to treatment and/or below at least 200 mg/DL.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 further comprising maintaining the plasma level of triglycerides at least 10% below the level prior to treatment and/or below at least 200 mg/DL.
- 11. (Currently amended) A method for the treatment of dislipoproteinemia dyslipoproteinemia in a human subject in need thereof comprising periodically orally administering to the human subject 3,3,14,14-tetramethylhexadecane-1,16-dioic acid in a range from about 30 mg per day to about 800 400 mg per day.
- 12. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment of hyperlipidemia in a human subject in need thereof comprising periodically orally administering to the human subject 3,3,14,14-tetramethylhexadecane-1,16-dioic acid in a range from about 30 mg per day to about 800 mg per day.

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13. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment of hypertension in a human subject in need thereof comprising periodically orally administering to the human subject 3,3,14,14-tetramethylhexadecane-1,16-dioic acid in a range from about 30mg per day to about 800 mg per day.

- 14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13 wherein the cystolic and/or diastolic blood pressure is decreased to below at least 160mmHg systolic and/or 100mmHg diastolic.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 further comprising maintaining the blood pressure below at least 160mmHg systolic and/or 100mmHg diastolic.
- 16. (Withdrawn) A method of delaying the onset of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus in a human subject susceptible thereto comprising periodically orally administering to the human subject 3,3,14,14-tetramethylhexadecane-1,16-dioic acid in a range from about 30 mg per day to about 800 mg per day.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 whereby the insulin resistance is decreased.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 whereby the plasma level of fasting glucose is decreased to below at least 126 mg/DL.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18 further comprising maintaining the plasma level below at least 126 mg/DL.

20-21. (Canceled)

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- 22. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]]  $\underline{11}$ , wherein the amount is from about 100 mg per day to about  $\underline{600}$   $\underline{400}$  mg per day.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]  $\underline{11}$ , wherein the amount is from about 200 mg per day to about 400 mg per day.
- 24. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]]  $\underline{11}$ , wherein the human subject is a female and the amount is from about 30 mg per day to about  $\underline{600}$  400 mg per day.
- 25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]  $\underline{11}$ , wherein the periodic administration is effected twice daily.
- 26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]]  $\underline{11}$ , wherein the periodic administration is effected three times daily.
- 27. (Currently amended) The  $\frac{11}{11}$  methods method of claim [[1]]  $\frac{11}{11}$ , wherein the periodic administration is effected at least once daily for at least 14 days.
- 28. (Currently amended) The  $\frac{methods}{method}$  of claim [[1]]  $\frac{11}{n}$ , wherein the periodic administration is effected at least once daily for at least 21 days.
- 29. (Currently amended) The  $\frac{methods}{method}$  of claim [[1]]  $\frac{11}{n}$ , wherein the periodic administration is effected at least once daily for at least 30 days.
- 30. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the amount is from about 100 mg per day to about 200 mg per day.

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31. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the amount is about 200 mg per day.